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District/School Operations

**SUBJECT: REQUEST SCHOOL BOARD APPROVAL OF THE FIRST
AMENDMENT TO THE CHARTER SCHOOL CONTRACTUAL
AGREEMENT WITH SOMERSET ACADEMY, INC., ON BEHALF OF
SOMERSET ARTS ACADEMY**

COMMITTEE: INSTRUCTIONAL EXCELLENCE AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

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STRATEGIC PLAN: GENERAL OPERATIONS**

Section 1002.33(7), Florida Statutes, Charter Schools, stipulates that a charter school contractual agreement may be modified during its initial term or any renewal term upon the recommendation of the sponsor and the approval of both parties to the agreement.

The initial charter school contractual agreement for Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Arts Academy (Somerset Arts) was approved by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, on June 18, 2008, for a term of ten years, commencing with the 2008-2009 school year.

Somerset Arts is currently located at 1700 Krome Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030, and serves approximately 103 students in kindergarten through grade two. Somerset Arts has requested a first amendment to its contract to add a facility located at 1955 North Krome Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030.

The charter school is in its first year of operation; therefore, it has not yet received a grade under Florida's System of School Improvement and Accountability and has not yet been audited. The charter school is scheduled for its first audit after the conclusion of this school year. The charter school is required to submit audited financial statements by September 1, 2009.

The Charter School Contract Review Committee met on February 17, 2009, and by a unanimous vote made a recommendation for approval of the first amendment to the charter school contractual agreement with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Arts Academy.

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Copies of the amendment to the charter school contractual agreement will be transmitted to the School Board Members under separate cover and will be available for inspection by the public in the Office of Board Recording Secretary, Room 924, and in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 NE Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, approve the first amendment to the contract with Somerset Academy, Inc., on behalf of Somerset Arts Academy to add a facility located at 1955 North Krome Avenue, Homestead, Florida 33030, commencing with the 2009-2010 school year and ending on June 18, 2018.

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